



City of Miami Springs, Florida

City Council Meeting

Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 12, 2021 7:00 p.m.

Rebeca Sosa Theater, 1401 Westward Drive, Miami Springs, Florida/
Virtual Council Meeting using Communications Media Technology Pursuant to
Governor's Executive Order 20-69

- 1. Call to Order/Roll Call:** The meeting was called to order by the Mayor at 7:02 p.m.

Present were the following:

Mayor Maria Puente Mitchell

Vice Mayor Bob Best

Councilwoman Jacky Bravo

Councilman Walter Fajet, Ph.D.

Councilman Victor Vazquez, Ph.D.

City Manager/Finance Director William Alonso

Assistant City Manager Tammy Romero

City Clerk Erika Gonzalez-Santamaria

City Attorney Haydee Sera

Police Chief Armando Guzman

Recreation Director Omar Luna

- 2. Invocation:** Provided by Mayor Maria Mitchell
Pledge of Allegiance: Girl Scout Troop 2564 led the Pledge of Allegiance and Salute to the Flag.
- 3. Agenda / Order of Business: None.**
- 4. Awards & Presentations:**

A) Presentation by Fire Chief Alan Cominsky, Miami-Dade Fire Rescue, Regarding the Department's Accomplishments and Services to the City of Miami Springs

Mayor Mitchell asked Fire Chief Cominsky to the podium. Chief Cominsky proceeded to report on the Annual Fire Department Service Delivery 2020 to the City. He stated that the MDFR responded to 2,314 emergency calls within the City, which 75% of the calls were primarily serviced by Station 35 located within the City limits. The remaining calls of service are spread out through various surrounding stations that responded to emergency City calls. He thanked the Council for their continuing support and that it is a privilege and an honor to serve the residents of Miami Springs.

- B) Presentation by Chris Caudle on the Coach Caudle Cares Foundation

Chris Caudle, along with Lourdes, Judy, and Jacob Caudle provided an oral presentation on the Coach Caudle Cares Foundation. He stated that on Friday, April 9th was the Foundation's first fundraising event, golf tournament with over forty participants. He stated that the first event helps to purchase defibrillators for the City, first one is installed in the Country Club by the Pro Shop. He thanked the City for their continued support.

5. Open Forum: The following members of the public addressed the City Council: Dan Wells, 1020 Quail Avenue; Richard Block, 6131 NW 40th Terrace, Marcia Braun, 180 Iroquois Street; Mikal Perera, 217 Duval Drive; and Yvone Shonberger.

6. Approval of Council Minutes:

- A) March 22, 2021 – Regular Meeting

Vice Mayor Best moved to approve the meeting minutes of March 22, 2021. Councilman Fajet seconded the motion, which carried 5-0 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Best, Councilwoman Bravo, Councilman Fajet, Councilman Vazquez, and Mayor Mitchell voting Yes.

7. Reports from Boards & Commissions: None at this time.

8. Public Hearings: None at this time.

9. Consent Agenda: (Funded and/or Budgeted):

A) Resolution – A Resolution Of The Mayor And City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Approving The Purchase Of Police Motorcycle Radar Equipment From Applied Concepts, Inc. In An Amount Not To Exceed \$14,008.00; Providing For Authorization; And Providing For An Effective Date

B) Resolution – A Resolution Of The Mayor And City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Approving A Pool Maintenance Services Agreement With Supreme Chemical And Pool Supply, Inc. In An Amount Not To Exceed Budgeted Funds; Providing For Authorization; And Providing For An Effective Date

Assistant City Manager Tammy Romero read the Resolutions by title.

Vice Mayor Best moved to approve the Consent Agenda as read. Councilman Vazquez seconded the motion, which carried 5-0 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Best, Councilwoman Bravo, Councilman Fajet, Councilman Vazquez, and Mayor Mitchell voting Yes.

10. Old Business: None at this time.

11. New Business:

A) **Resolution** – A Resolution Of The Mayor And City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Approving A Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement With The Florida Division Of Emergency Management; Providing For Authorization; And Providing For An Effective Date

City Manager William Alonso read the Resolution by title.

Vice Mayor Best moved to approve the Resolution as read. Councilman Fajet seconded the motion, which carried 5-0 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Best, Councilwoman Bravo, Councilman Fajet, Councilman Vazquez, and Mayor Mitchell voting Yes.

12. Other Business:

A) Request by Mayor Mitchell to discuss new City Council future goals and strategic planning

Mayor Mitchell explained she asked for this discussion item to be placed on the agenda in order to schedule a Council workshop to discuss each Council member's priorities and goals for the City Council as a whole. She received consensus on scheduling the workshop the first week in May; the City Clerk will coordinate the specific date and time.

B) Request by Mayor Mitchell to discuss the status of City Boards

Mayor Mitchell stated that she wanted the City Council to consider the possibility of sunseting some of the advisory boards, specifically those that have not met in a long time. She stated that if a certain board is needed that it can be temporarily created and then dissolved. With the Council's consensus, she requested that City Staff place an item on the next agenda to sunset the various boards that have not met.

13. Reports & Recommendations:

A) City Attorney

City Attorney Haydee Sera welcomed and congratulated the new City Council.

B) City Manager

City Manager William Alonso welcomed the new Council and looks forward to working with all them. He stated that City Staff will be providing a set of goals for the upcoming workshop as well. He reminded the Council that a lot of the goals and priorities require funding, but looks forward to the open discussion. Assistant City Manager Tammy Romero stated a series of City events for the upcoming two weeks.

C) City Council

Vice Mayor Best congratulated the Mayor Mitchell and the new members. He looks forward to the upcoming workshop and the upcoming budget process to prioritize various projects.

Councilwoman Bravo stated that she is thrilled to be a part of the City Council, she is looking forward to working with Council and is excited to see what can be accomplished in two years.

Councilman Fajet congratulated the new members of the Council. He also congratulated Vice Mayor Best for running unopposed and congratulated Mayor Mitchell on her historic appointment to the mayor-ship, and looks forward to serving along with her. He thanked the residents that voiced their concerns on the flag project down Curtiss Parkway. Councilman Fajet stated to be cautious to be open to context because he personally knows the residents that spearheaded the project and the only reason was to beautify the pathway and uplift spirits. He participated in the project as well by helping place the flags and state mottos, he reassured everyone that the intention was to do something beautiful.

Councilman Vazquez stated that he is delighted to be on Council and is ready to get to work. He looks forward to the workshop as well to discuss common priorities. He also stated that he appreciates the flag project and agrees that there may be a need to clarify any misconceptions.

Mayor Mitchell thanked the members of Council and looks forward to working with them. She confirms that issues and projects do take time and sees their role as doing what is best for the City. She stated that the City Council is non-partisan and should not be a part of the Council decision making process. Mayor Mitchell encouraged the Council to vote in the best interest of the City and the community.

14. Adjourn

There being no further business to be discussed the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:


Erika Gonzalez Santamaria, MMC
City Clerk



*Adopted by the City Council on
This 26th day of April, 2021.*


Maria Puente Mitchell, Mayor

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